

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 8, canceled.

Claims 9 and 10, pending.

Claims

9. (new) A unitary cover for upholstered chairs and sofas comprising: a hollow shell of resilient fabric having a peripheral edge, an elastic member for contracting said edge to maintain said cover upon an engaged article of furniture, said cover including a plurality of interconnected panels overlying a rectangular cushion forming part of said sofa, said panels including a rear panel having first and second parts lying in separate planes disposed at a mutual angle to provide a degree of excess material in an area at the rear of said cushion; the material comprising said first and second parts being normally concealed from view and providing excess material for movement over said cushion when said cushion is sat upon by a user, said excess material contracting when said cushion is vacated.

10. (new) A cover in accordance with claim 9, wherein excess material formed by said first and second parts may be disposed beneath a lower edge of a back panel of said sofa concealed from view; and a resilient elongated tube positioned over said excess material to distribute stress over the width of said cover portion to provide a contractive force through said first and second parts.